

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

October 7, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
City Hall - Building 100  
276 Fourth Avenue

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

**1. Roll Call:**

Present: Chair Liken; Commissioners Fuentes, Moriarty, Navarro and Perrett

Absent: Commissioners Caudillo and Cochrane

Staff present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Muna Cuthbert, Senior Civil Engineer; Police Officer Rusty Nelson; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Opening Statement**

Opening statement read by Chair Liken.

**4. Introduction of New Commissioner**

Chair Liken introduced new Commissioner Julio Fuentes. Mr. Fuentes has been a Chula Vista resident for four years and is a Sr. Traffic Engineer with the City of San Diego.

**5. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2009**

There was no quorum to approve the minutes. (Commissioners Liken, Moriarty, Perrett were present to vote - four members were needed.)

**6. Oral Communications**

The following persons requested assistance with pedestrian safety in the area adjacent to the Norman Park Center, Congregational Towers, Congregational Church, and Third Avenue/F Street.

- a. Bill Schlegel, Chula Vista resident
- b. Dr. and Mrs. William Squire, Chula Vista residents
- c. Wanda Tribble, Chula Vista resident, representing Congregational Towers - Requested more crossing time at Third/F.
- d. Dr. Richard Freeman, Chula Vista resident, representing Congregational Church

Steve Limber, Chula Vista resident - Requested a 3-way stop at St. Claire/St. Germaine.

Chair Liken referred both requests to staff with reports to Safety Commission as needed.

**SHORT RECESS**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**7. Recognition of Service for Commissioner Mark Perrett**

Chair Liken stated Carol Gove has been appointed as our new Commissioner, but has not yet been sworn in. He asked ex-Commissioner Perrett to sit on the Commission until Commissioner Gove is officially on board. He postponed Mr. Perrett's presentation to the next meeting.

**8. Report - Existing and Proposed Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Projects**

Sr. Civil Engineer Cuthbert gave a presentation updating the Commission on existing and proposed traffic calming and pedestrian CIP projects.

**Existing Projects**

**Under Construction:**

*STL280-Palomar Gateway* - Will promote development efficiency and encourage the use of local and regional transportation by enhancing pedestrian access to the existing transit station at Palomar Street and Industrial Boulevard.

*STL304-Glenhaven and Amy St. Improvements* - The general scope of this project is the installation of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb, gutter, and sidewalks improvements.

**Under Design:**

*STL323-Pedestrian Master Plan* - Will identify and prioritize pedestrian improvement projects based on technical analysis and community input thereby promoting orderly implementation on a citywide basis, and enhancing the City's ability to secure State and Federal funding for these projects. This is the City of Chula Vista's first Pedestrian Master Plan.

*STM354-North Broadway Basin Reconstruction* - The general scope of this project involves the excavation and grading, removal and disposal of existing improvements, full street reconstruction, installation of asphalt concrete pavement, crushed aggregate base, portions of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and driveways, cross-gutters, installation of approximately 2000 lineal feet of reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) storm drain system, curb inlets, storm drain cleanouts, retrofitting existing pedestrian ramps to meet current Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements, pavement striping and markings, traffic signal upgrades and modifications.

*STM355-Otay Lakes Road Widening* - Council recently approved constructing this project in three phases. Phase 1 will involve constructing the intersection and approach legs of OLR and East H Street to their ultimate configurations. Phase 2 will improve the two main college entrances along Otay Lakes Road. Phase 3 will be comprised of the addition of the third lane in each direction from the college to the intersection of OLR and Telegraph Canyon Road.

*TF360-Highway Safety Improvement Program for Major Intersection* - This project involves making physical improvements to upgrade 31 critical intersections. All Improvements will include new traffic signs, traffic signal upgrades, and pavement markings.

*TF361-Safe Routes to School Improvements* - adjacent to Rice and Otay Elementary Schools -The scope of work focuses on improving the pedestrian school routes to Otay Elementary and Rice Elementary by enhancing the existing crosswalks on Albany Avenue and on Fourth Avenue, respectively, directly in front of the schools. These enhancements consist of curb extensions, enhanced signage, additional pavement legends, and flashing beacons warning drivers of the crosswalk.

*TF362-Kids Walk and Bike to School Citywide* - This project is to gather data from residents living across the entire City through community meetings and walking audits (at 36 different elementary schools) regarding missing or desired pedestrian-related facilities within residential communities and neighborhood. Each walking audit will be facilitated by WalkSanDiego, a local grassroots, non-profit organization focused on improving workability throughout the region.

*TF368-Harborside Elementary Pedestrian Improvements* - This project will install missing improvements and rehabilitate existing infrastructure in the area surrounding the Harborside Elementary School to provide pedestrians a safer route to school. The school is in a low-income neighborhood.

New Projects:

*STL351-Bikeway Master Plan Update* - To be eligible for Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding for bicycle projects, SANDAG Claim Guidelines requires that the City have a SANDAG approved comprehensive bicycle facilities plan (updated at least once every five years). The plan must emphasize bicycle projects that primarily accommodate non-recreational bicycle trips.

*STM368-Pedestrian Improvements at the vicinity of Lauderbach Elementary School* - The scope of work consists of installing traffic calming devices which includes but is not limited to advanced warning signs with beacons, school zone signs, curb bulbouts for safe crossing, striping, pedestrian signal/buttons, Portland Cement Concrete monolithic sidewalk, curb and gutter, driveways, ADA pedestrian ramps, asphalt concrete pavement, traffic control, and other miscellaneous items of work necessary for the project.

Proposed Grant Projects:

*Enhanced Traffic Calming Crosswalk Improvements at Montgomery Elementary School* - The proposed project is to construct an enhanced crosswalk at Fourth Avenue next to Montgomery Street.

*Construction of Missing Infrastructure along the South Side of the 500 block of Naples Street* - The proposed project location is along the south side of Naples Street between Broadway and Fifth Avenue. This segment of Naples Street lacks sidewalks, curb and gutters, and ADA compliant pedestrian ramps.

*Traffic Signal Modification at the intersection of Fourth Avenue and "G" Street* - The proposed project is to upgrade and modify the existing traffic signal system at Fourth Avenue and "G" Street intersection. The proposed protected left-turn only phase movement is targeted at reducing the frequency of collisions resulting from conflicts associated with left-turn maneuvers and opposing through vehicles.

*Traffic Calming Radar Speed Feedback Signs at Various Roads Close to Various Elementary Schools* - The installation of the radar speed signs are considered a practical solution to balance neighborhood needs with mobility. To balance increased driver awareness of travel speeds with vehicle accessibility, the City of Chula Vista proposes the installation of radar speed feedback signs along 12 elementary schools.

*Reconstruction of Existing Guardrail at Easterly Side of North Second Avenue north of 'C' Street* - This proposed project will modify existing guardrails along the easterly side of North Second Avenue just to the north of "C" Street to provide better buffer protection for the motoring public from a severe sloping street embankment approximately 60-feet in height. This also will help protect adjacent properties from vehicular accident damage.

The report was accepted in record.

**9. Traffic Accident Summaries for July and August 2009**

Officer Nelson gave a brief update. A "No Turn on Red" sign has been installed at Fourth Ave./C St. There have been lots of complaints/praise and lots of tickets issued. He stated the Chula Vista Police Department has received more grant monies than any other agency in California with the exception of Los Angeles and Fresno. Chula Vista has received more than all other San Diego agencies combined. The "Click it or ticket" program starts up next month. The campaign has been very successful. Commissioner Navarro asked about the DUI enforcement. Officer Nelson stated there are three mini-grants for DUI enforcement. There is now a dedicated District Attorney for DUIs. Commissioner Navarro asked if the numbers are increasing

with the number of arrests and about cell phone usage. Officer Nelson responded the amount of drivers driving without insurance and expired licenses is high and cell phone usage is up again.

Ms. Cuthbert stated the "Stop on Red" campaign will continue until the end of year; the "Slow Down" campaign will be from Jan-April; and the "Pedestrian Bike Safety" program will be from May-August.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Moriarty thanked staff for the crosswalk in front of Sharp Hospital. She was concerned with the "right turn on red except on arrow" sign which is confusing. Principal Civil Engineer Rivera stated staff would look at it.

Commissioner Perrett thanked staff for the improvements on Monarch. He asked about red curbing on Palomar. Ms. Cuthbert stated there are "No Parking" signs instead of red curb, new loops, slurry, and lots of improvements.

Chair Liken stated he was very happy with the City's selection of new commissioners. He stated in years past, there was heavy representation from the east side and now it is more balanced with east and west.

Chair Liken made a motion to record the absence of Commissioner Caudillo as unexcused and the absence of Commissioner Cochrane as excused.

**MSC (Liken/Moriarty)** to the record the absence of Commissioner Caudillo as unexcused and the absence of Commissioner Cochrane as excused (5-0-2, Caudillo and Cochrane absent).

As a cost savings measure, the November 4, 2009 meeting is cancelled. At the request of the City Manager, staff was asked to go to their respective commissions to look at start times and schedules for any cost savings. Although the Municipal Code states that meetings would be held monthly, at the June 11, 2009 meeting there was consensus that meetings would be held on a bi-monthly basis. The Municipal Code has not been changed and meetings will still be posted as monthly meetings with cancellations as needed.

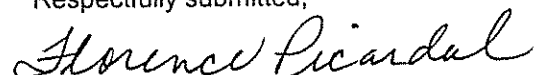
#### 11. Staff Comments

Ms. Cuthbert gave a short presentation on "Drive Safely Work Week". October 5-9 is "Drive Safely Work Week" to support the Network of Employers for Traffic Safety's (NETS) national campaign. This campaign emphasizes the importance of driving safely on and off the job to eliminate preventable crashes and to protect you and your family while on the roadway. The campaign was distributed to City employees through the City's Employee Safety Committee representatives. A new message was sent daily to all City employees. Chair Liken asked that the campaign be forwarded electronically to the Safety Commissioners.

Mr. Rivera stated that Public Works-Engineering has also submitted and been awarded a number of grants. He stated the City tries to get as much outside money as possible. Commissioner Navarro asked if the City has a grant writer. Mr. Rivera stated no, that person has retired and the grants are written by department staff. It is a lot of extra work for staff, but the results pay off. Commissioner Fuentes commended staff on a very impressive list of projects and aggressive grant program.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:49 P.M.** to the next scheduled meeting of December 2, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,



Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary